

Van Meter News

Happy Valentine's Day!!



February 2015

ALTERNATIVE LENDING SOURCE



Iowa MicroLoan has created a fund targeted at the Van Meter community to provide a source of capital for micro-entrepreneurs who are seeking a direct loan of \$5,000 to \$50,000 or a co-financing arrangement up to \$150,000. Applicants must have applied for a loan at a traditional credit source and have been denied before either of these opportunities are available.

How Iowa MicroLoan can help you:

- Loans for start-up, expansion, and refinancing of small business entrepreneurs.
- A technical assistance plan of work tailored to the needs of your business.
- A technical assistance grant up to \$500/client/year to assist in the cost of accessing technical assistance resources
- Access to networks of local, regional, statewide, and online microbusiness development mentors, coaches, and professionals willing to help your business become profitable.
- Assistance in improving your credit scores and overall business risk that will allow you to utilize traditional credit resources once you graduate from Iowa MicroLoan.

Once you have downloaded, completed and submitted the Iowa MicroLoan Credit application, from the Iowa Microloan website: www.iowamicroloan.org the loan administrator will review your documents and advise you of the status of your credit application. If the application is accepted as eligible and complete, they will inform you within 10 working days as to the decision of the loan committee reviewing your credit application. They will begin processing your Iowa MicroLoan documents and make closing arrangements at that time.

Iowa MicroLoan loan terms:

- \$5,000 minimum—\$50,000 maximum (may be a combination of Iowa MicroLoans)
- 8.125% Interest
- 6 year term
- Electronically debited loan payments in accordance to cash flow budget
- Iowa MicroLoan funds may not be used for the purchase of real estate or as a line of credit
- Co-financing opportunities to work with local lenders and loan pools up to \$150,000

Questions can be directed to Craig Downs at (515)212-0182.

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council

-Bob Lacy

Mayor Pro Tem

-Michael Peterson

-Kim Sacker

-Owen Stump

-Beth Tweed



City Staff:

Jake Anderson-

City Administrator

515-954-6094

Liz Thompson-Clerk

515-669-6396

Dave Herman-

Public Works

515-240-9280

Chad Gillespie-

Public Works

515-371-9933

Bill Daggett-

Police Chief

515-202-4154

Jon Bruen- Fire Chief

515-371-8515

Jolena Welker-

Library Director

515-996-2435



Kindergarten Registration and Parent Information Night

Parent information night is scheduled for **Thursday, February 26th** from 6—7:30pm. The meeting will take place in the High School Music Room. Please attend the meeting **WITHOUT** your child; he/she will experience school at the Kindergarten orientation in May.

**If you plan to attend
please call Kris Koster to
register at 515-996-9960**

**Before the 2015-2016 school year begins we
will need a copy of your child's birth certificate,
immunization record and dental screening.**

ENROLLMENT 15/16



We serve ALL children ages 3-5 years old,
including those with special needs.
For more info contact: 515-996-2030 or email
vanmeterprek@gmail.com
website: www.vanmeterprek.org

How Healthy is Your Home?

The only way to tell if your home has dangerous levels of radon is to test for it. Once detected, homes with high levels of radon can be easily fixed.

Test your home today.

Radon is a colorless, tasteless, and odorless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Test results for homes in Dallas County showed an average radon level per home of greater than that of smoking ½ a pack of cigarettes per day. Is your family safe? Please contact Dallas County Environmental Health (515-993-5803) for a \$5.00 radon test kit and information on how to protect your home.

CHECK IT OUT— VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Contact the library at 515-996-2435 or jwelker@vanmeteria.gov



HAPPY FEBRUARY!

Be sure to stop in the library for great titles on all of these subjects. In front of the library Deb Traxler takes care of feeding the birds. Thank you DEB!

I also think about spring is coming!

I also want to mention people like Liz Thompson and Joyce Welker who are awesome pet owners. I thank people like them who love and care for our pets and animals.

Also a big thank you to our vet Dr. Isles.

I also want to Thank Holly Adams for working with Usborne books at the Winter Market. We were able to obtain a great variety of new books for kids and teens from the benefits of this sale for free.

Be sure to stop in and check out the new titles.

I also know you appreciate the new DVDs: Here are a few!

"Against the Wild"

"America: Imagine a World Without Her"

"Captain America : The Winter Soldier"

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"

"Earth to Echo"

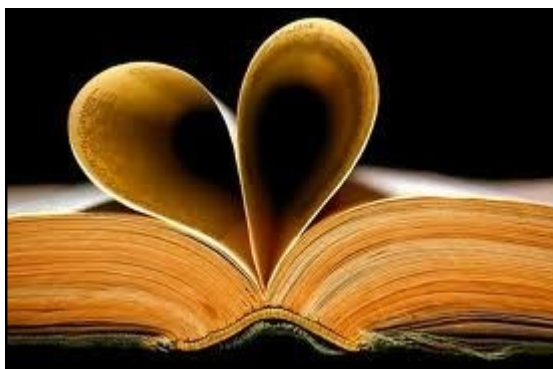
"The Hundred Foot Journey"

"Maleficent"

"Tammy"

"The Maze Runner"

"Mom's Night Out"



And several more.

I also want to welcome our newest trustee Gene Gabus. Our other trustees are Rachel Backstrom, John Seefeld, Amanda Durflinger and Nancy Lacy. These are volunteer positions. The trustee board approves library expenditures and adopts library policy. They also hire and evaluate the Director.

I want to thank them for volunteering their time and for advocating for the library.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jolena Welker, Library Director

515-996-2435



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505 Grant Street

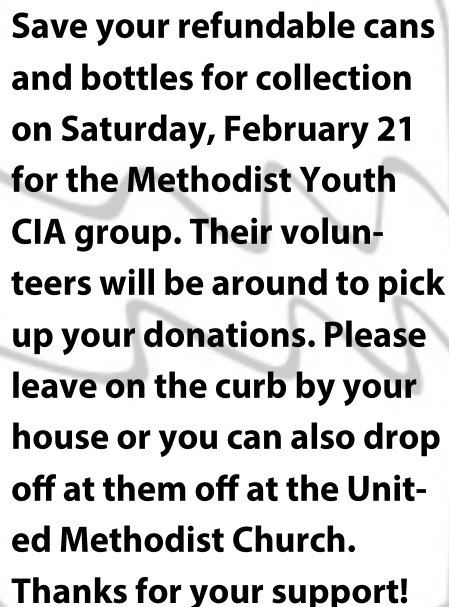
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Save your refundable cans and bottles for collection on Saturday, February 21 for the Methodist Youth CIA group. Their volunteers will be around to pick up your donations. Please leave on the curb by your house or you can also drop off at them off at the United Methodist Church. Thanks for your support!

SNOW

Public Safety and Public Works thanks you to remove your vehicles and snow promptly.

SNOW REMOVAL. No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain parked on a public street in the City from the time it begins to snow until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb to curb (or from all of the traveled portion of the roadway for those streets which do not have curbs) or 48 hours, whichever time is shorter. Vehicles shall be removed immediately once it begins to snow. The Director of Public Works and Utilities is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking prior to the expiration of the 48-hour period if the Director determines that the streets have been cleared. The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall notify the Police Chief when the parking prohibition has ended.



Dumping of Snow. It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, place, or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations. It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within 48-hours after such accumulations, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

City Code of Ordinances can be found our website or City Hall.

Recycling Schedule for February 2015

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.

515-265-7374

Monday, February 9

Monday, February 23



Visit our website at www.vanmeteria.gov